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FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 1689

REFS (A) MANILA 4117; (B) VIENTIANE 594; (C) BANGKOK 6121

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS PFOR, LA, TH, DA

SUBJECT: ARREST OF KING SAVANG VATTHANA

1. ON MARCH 21 I MET WITH AMBASSADOR OLE BIERRING, MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TO OBTAIN HIS IMPRESSIONS ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO HANOI (REPORTED SEPTEL. IN THE COURSE OF THIS DISCUSSION, AMB BIERRING SAID THAT THE DANISH DELEGATION HAD MADE TWO BRIEF STOPS IN VIENTIANE -- ON THE WAY TO HANOI AND ON THE WAY OUT. BIERRING STATED THAT THE DELEGATION WAS TOLD OF KING SAVANG'S ARREST BY THE LAO AUTHORITIES.

2. I AVAILED MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR THE KING. BIERRING REPLIED THAT DANES ARE NOT WELL INFORMED ABOUT LAOS, BUT THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THE LAO ARE NOT A VIOLENT PEOPLE. SINE BIERRING SHOWED NO INTEREST IN THE FATE OF KING SAVANG, I DID NOT PURUSE THE MATTER OF ANY INITIATIVE BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT OF SOVEREIGN IN BEHALF OF LAO MONARCH.

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3. THE DANISH ROYAL HOUSE DOES MAINTAIN VERY CLOSE TIES WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY OF THAILAND. THESE TIES GO BACK NEARLY 100 YEARS AND DANISH QUEEN MOTHER ONLY RECENTLY VISITED BANGKOK AGAIN. IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE'S IMPRESSION THAT THAI ROYAL FAMILY WOULD BE EMBARRASSED BY ROYAL EFFORTS FROM EUROPE,

I REGRETFULLY CONCLUDE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL  
FOR ME TO SUGGEST THAT THE DANES INVOLVE THEMSELVES  
IN AN EFFORT TO HELP KING SAVANG.  
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